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Winter/Spring 2016



Important winter weather information for Florence

City of Florence Snow Emergency If the City of Florence declares a Snow Emergency, residents should remove vehicles parked on the street to allow crews to clear snow more effectively from the street. The order expires 24 hours after being issued. The local news stations, radio, and newspapers will provide notification once a Snow Emergency has been declared.

Curb to Curb Policy To make streets as safe as possible for those who live, work, and travel through the City of Florence, our Public Services Department works around the clock. Their objective is to salt and plow all streets from one side of the curb to the other and often requires the operator to make several passes down your street to ensure this level of safety is met.

Cul-de-sacs Due to the various designs, driveway locations and hydrant placements, each cul-de-sac is unique and must be plowed accordingly. As much as possible, plow operators try to plow snow away from driveways and deposit it in open areas of the cul-de-sac. If you believe a snow plow operator has piled snow into your driveway, please contact the Public Services Department at 647-5416.

Snow plow damage to sod Contact the Public Services Department at 647-5416 if you believe damage has occurred to your yard due to snow plow operations. Our Department will repair the affected areas deemed damaged by the snow plows.

For more winter weather information as well as a schedule of events for the City of Florence, please see pages 2-3.



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WINTER/SPRING 2016 EVENTS

For more information about any of these programs, call the number listed or visit the City's Activity Guide at www.florence-ky.gov.



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PROGRAM January 18

The City of Florence will hold its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Program on Monday, January 18 at 3 pm at the Florence Government Center (8100 Ewing Boulevard). The program will include a display, tribute to Dr. King, and Freedom March around the Government Center campus. Call 647-5439 or go to www.florence-ky.gov.



PRESIDENTS DAY DISPLAY February 15

Celebrate Presidents Day by stopping by the Florence Government Center (8100 Ewing Boulevard) to view the display of United States presidents, vice presidents, and first ladies and answer trivia questions throughout the business day from 9 am-4 pm. The program provides extra credit when approved by certain Boone County Schools. Call 647-5439 or go to www.florence-ky.gov.



STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM March 1

Application packets for the City's Student Ambassador Program will be made available beginning on Tuesday, March 1 at Florence schools and also at the Florence Government Center (8100 Ewing Boulevard) or at www.florence-ky.gov for students in grades 6-12. Florence residents will be selected to represent the City and the youth in the community at City-sponsored events and various Northern Kentucky community events. Selections will be made from grades 10-12 for Senior Ambassadors, grades 8 & 9 for Junior Ambassadors and from grades 6 & 7 for Youth Ambassadors based on a written essay and interviews. One senior male and female ambassador will each receive a \$500 scholarship. Ambassadors will serve a one-year term and may re-apply. Applications with letters of recommendation must be submitted by Friday, March 25. Call 647-5439 or go to www.florence-ky.gov.



CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY March 9-April 27

The City of Florence Police Department will hold its annual Citizens Police Academy from Wednesday, March 9-Wednesday, April 27 for participants to learn firsthand from police officers and guest speakers about traffic violations, building searches, interviewing suspects, and many other topics. The eight-week course meets each Wednesday at the Florence Government Center (8100 Ewing Boulevard). Call 647-5420 or go to www.florence-ky.gov.



YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM March 15

The City of Florence will host its annual Youth in Government Program on Tuesday, March 15 from 5:30-7 pm in the Community Rooms of the Florence Government Center (8100 Ewing Boulevard). The program is open to all ages and will provide those who attend an opportunity to learn about the role local government plays within their community. City departments will provide presentations of its role in the local government process and students learn the legislative duties of the Mayor and City Council. The event will continue during the weekly Florence City Council meeting at 7 pm in the Council Chambers. Mayor Diane E. Whalen will recognize those in attendance. Call 647-8177 or go to www.florence-ky.gov.



EASTER EGG HUNT March 26

The City of Florence holds its annual Easter Egg Hunt at UC Health Stadium (off of Freedom Way), home of the Florence Freedom, on Saturday, March 26. Sponsored by the Florence Police Department and in conjunction with the Florence Freedom, costumed characters will be on hand for photographs at 11 am followed by the egg hunt at noon (conducted by age groups). The free program is designed for children up to age 9. Call 647-5420 or go to www.florence-ky.gov.



TENNIS CLINICS April 4-May 22

The City of Florence offers Tennis Clinics at Lincoln Woods courts beginning Monday, April 4. Registration forms are sent through Florence schools and are also available in the lobby of the Florence Government Center (8100 Ewing Boulevard) or on the City's webpage at www.florence-ky.gov. Call 647-5439 (age groups, class days, times, fees, etc.) or go to www.florence-ky.gov.



GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP April 16

The City of Florence Great American Cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 16 from 8:30 am-noon and provides an opportunity for individuals or groups to volunteer and clean litter along designated roadsides within the City limits. Meet at the Tanners Maintenance Facility (7850 Tanners Lane) for a continental breakfast and instructions before participating in this national service project and receive lunch. Call 647-5416 or go to www.florence-ky.gov.



SPRING CLEANUP WEEK April 18-April 24

City of Florence residents (must show proof of residency) may bring their unwanted trash and debris (excluding hazardous waste) April 18-April 24 to the Public Services Maintenance Facility (7850 Tanners Lane, across from the Florence Government Center), for disposal. No fee or registration required. Call 647-5416 or go to www.florence-ky.gov.



FLORENCE FREEDOM BASEBALL May 13

The Florence Freedom baseball team will begin its 14th season in the Frontier League on Friday, May 13 at 7:05 pm at UC Health Stadium (off of Freedom Way) vs. the Windy City Thunderbolts. Call 594-4487 or go to www.florencefreedom.com.



PUBLIC SERVICES NIGHT OUT May 17

The City of Florence Public Services Department will hold its annual Night Out on Tuesday, May 17 from 4–6:30 pm at the Florence Mall (Lower Level of Macy's Home Store). This event is hosted in conjunction with National Public Works Week (NPWW) and is an opportunity to raise awareness and recognize the impact Public Works staff has on improving the quality of life within the community. Call 647-5416, stop by the Florence Government Center (8100 Ewing Boulevard), or go to www.florence-ky.gov.



FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER May 28-August 7

The Florence Family Aquatic Center, located on the campus of the Florence Government Center (8200 Ewing Boulevard), opens its gates on Saturday, May 28. The facility is open from 11am-7pm, Sunday-Saturday. Admission is available through the purchase of a season membership (through Sunday, July 31) or by paying a daily rate. Purchase memberships at a 15% discount until Friday, April 29. Gift cards are available in \$25 increments for admission, programs, or rentals. For programs, rates, reservations, rules, times, and more, call 647-4619, 647-5439, or go to www.florence-ky.gov.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & PROGRAM May 30

The Memorial Day Parade begins at 10 am at Boone County High School and ends at the Boone County Veterans Memorial, located on the campus of the Florence Government Center (8100 Ewing Boulevard). **No political campaigning allowed in the parade.** Parade registration forms are available at the Government Center or download it from the City's webpage. The Memorial Program begins at 11 am at the Boone County Veterans Memorial. Call 647-5439 or go to www.florence-ky.gov.



SAFE SITTER BABYSITTING CLASSES June 9

The City of Florence holds Safe Sitter babysitting classes for students (ages 11-15) throughout the year from 9 am-3 pm at the Evelyn Kalb Gathering House at the Florence Nature Park (Banklick Street). Fee is \$40 and students (classes are limited to 12 students) need to bring a lunch and drink. This class does not certify students in CPR. The next class will be held on Thursday, June 9. Call 647-5439 or go to www.florence-ky.gov.



SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER All Year Round

The City of Florence Senior Activity Center is located at 7431 U.S. 42 and is open Monday-Friday from 9 am-3 pm. Features of the Senior Activity Center include: commercial kitchen, computer room, dividable multipurpose room, exercise room, geothermal HVAC system, offices for Director & Assistant Director, open reception area, partially covered outdoor patio, radiant heated floor reading room, and wellness room. Monthly activities include: art lessons, bingo, canasta, crafts, euchre, line dancing, massage, Tai-Chi, Wii bowling, yoga stretch, Zumba Gold, and more. Call 282-4061, 647-5416, or go to www.florence-ky.gov.



WORLD OF GOLF All Year Round

The World of Golf is located at 7400 Woodspoint Drive and features an 18-hole course, FootGolf, clubhouse with concession area, simulator, swing analyzer, indoor driving range, indoor putting green, miniature golf course, outdoor driving range, pro shop, and more. Attention Florence Residents: On Monday evenings it's "Florence Resident Night." \$1 discount on golf, driving range, and miniature golf; free golf clinic. Open Sunday-Saturday 8 am-9 pm all year round, it's the perfect place to practice, play, and learn. Call 371-8255 or go to www.landrumgolf.com.

IMPORTANT WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION FOR FLORENCE, cont.

Driveway shoveling tips

To clear a street, plows must push snow to the side of the roadway.

TRAFFIC FLOW

Driveway

This creates a necessary but unfortunate consequence — snow pushed into your driveway. The Public Services Department asks for your

understanding and offers the following suggestions:

- Avoid shoveling snow into the street. Shoveling snow from your driveway into a street already cleared may create safety hazards. Shoveling snow from your driveway into a street not completely cleared will result in the snow being pushed back into your driveway by the plow.
- To avoid the frustrating problem of the snow plow covering your

driveway with snow after you've just shoveled it, shovel the snow into your yard instead of into the street or shovel the snow to the "downstream" side of your driveway as determined by the travel direction of the truck. Normally, this is to the right side of your driveway apron as you are standing in your driveway facing the street. View the illustration for details.

X ← Pile snow here.

St. Elizabeth Hospitals earn Top Performer recognition

St. Elizabeth Florence, Ft. Thomas, Edgewood and Grant have been recognized as a *Top Performer on Key Quality Measures™* by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of healthcare organizations in America. The hospitals were recognized for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance for certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgery, children's asthma, stroke and venous thromboembolism, as well as inpatient psychiatric services.

St. Elizabeth has four of the 1,043 hospitals in the United States to achieve Top Performer distinction. This is the fourth year a St. Elizabeth hospital has been recognized as a Top Performer.

The Top Performer program recognizes hospitals for improving performance on evidence-based interventions that increase the chances of healthy outcomes for patients with certain conditions. Hospitals named as a Top Performer must achieve cumulative performance of 95 percent or above all reported accountability measures, achieve performance of 95 percent or above on each and every reported accountability measure where there are at least 30 denominator cases, and have at least one core measure set that has a composite rate of 95 percent or above.

"Delivering the right treatment in the right way at the right time is a cornerstone of high-quality healthcare," said Mark Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P., M.P.H., President and



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Garren Colvin, St. Elizabeth President and CEO

Chief Executive Officer of The Joint Commission. "I commend the efforts of St. Elizabeth for their excellent performance on the use of evidence-based interventions."

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St. Elizabeth President and CEO.

"That's why we have made it a top priority to improve positive patient outcomes through evidence-based care processes. We are proud to be named a Top Performer as it recognizes the expertise, teamwork and dedication of our entire hospital staff."

St. Elizabeth earns "A" grade in patient safety

The independent national hospital watchdog group, The Leapfrog Group, announced its fall 2015 hospital safety scores. All three major St. Elizabeth hospitals (Florence, Ft. Thomas and Edgewood) received A's for the fourth consecutive time, recognizing a strong commitment to patient safety. Hospitals are rated on errors, injuries, accidents, and infections, resulting in a letter grade from A to F.

The Hospital Safety Score is the gold standard rating for patient safety, compiled under the guidance of the nation's leading patient safety experts. The first and only hospital safety rating to be peer-reviewed in the *Journal of Patient Safety*, the Hospital Safety Score is free to the public and designed to give

consumers information they can use to protect themselves and their families when facing a hospital stay.

"We strongly believe the patient is the center of our universe," says Garren Colvin, President and CEO of St. Elizabeth Healthcare. "Our families, neighbors, colleagues and friends deserve a hospital that will make a strong commitment toward keeping them safe. This recognition is a reflection of St. Elizabeth's commitment to keeping patients safe."

"St. Elizabeth Healthcare's A grade is a powerful reminder of its commitment to putting patient safety above all else, and we are pleased to recognize the persistent efforts of your clinicians and staff to protect your patients," said Leah Binder, President and CEO of The

Leapfrog Group. "We urge St. Elizabeth and all other A hospitals to preserve and renew your commitment to safety year after year."

Developed under the guidance of Leapfrog's Blue Ribbon Expert Panel, the Hospital Safety Score uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to produce a single A, B, C, D, or F score, representing a hospital's overall capacity to keep patients safe from preventable harm. More than 2,500 U.S. general hospitals were assigned scores in October 2015, with 773 hospitals receiving an A grade. The Hospital Safety Score is fully transparent, offering a full analysis of the data and methodology used in determining grades

on the website. Patients can also review their hospitals past safety performance alongside its current grade on the Hospital Safety Score site, allowing them to determine which local hospitals have the best track record in patient safety and which have demonstrated consistent improvement.

To see St. Elizabeth's full score, and to access consumer-friendly tips for patients and loved ones visiting the hospital, visit www.hospitalsafetyscore.org or follow The Hospital Safety Score on Twitter or Facebook. Consumers can also download the free Hospital Safety Score mobile app for Apple and Android devices.

First outpatient joint replacement surgery performed in Northern Kentucky

Patients in Northern Kentucky who meet specific medical criteria may now be eligible to have knee replacement surgery and go home on the same day. Dr. John Larkin, Commonwealth Orthopaedic Centers, performed the first outpatient total joint knee replacement surgery in conjunction with the St. Elizabeth Orthopaedic Institute in Edgewood. Traditionally requiring a three-day hospital stay, the patient returned to the home environment on the same day.

Outpatient knee replacement surgery offers the following benefits as compared to total knee surgery:

- Quicker recovery
- Lower risk of infection
- Cost reduction
- Increased patient satisfaction
- Decreased anesthesia risk

“The advantages for outpatient surgery for the patient are numerous,” says Dr. Larkin, Orthopaedic Surgeon at Commonwealth Orthopaedic Centers. “The higher standard of pre and post-op care has created an environment where patients can go home the same day from surgery and rest easy knowing they have adequate home healthcare and

therapy teams to help them through the recovery process.”

Patients must fit a certain medical profile and should not have issues that pose an unreasonable risk to be considered an appropriate candidate for outpatient knee replacement. Once a patient has elected to move forward with the procedure, there are several

additional steps to complete.

The patient must undergo pre-op teaching protocol with the surgeon and a pre-op visit with the anesthesiologist. This is followed by home visits by the home health and physical therapy team. Any necessary home equipment, such as a walker, elevated toilet seat, cold-therapy unit are all delivered prior to surgery.

“Our first patient did phenomenally well and was back on her feet without assistance a week ahead of schedule. In fact she was sitting at the dinner table with her family the evening of her surgery. We are only doing knees right now. However, based upon positive outcomes, we may consider outpatient hips in the future.”

- Dr. John Larkin
Commonwealth Orthopaedic Centers



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1500 James Simpson, Jr. Way
Covington, KY 41011
859/655-8800

St. Elizabeth Edgewood
1 Medical Village Dr.
Edgewood, KY 41017
859/301-2000

St. Elizabeth Falmouth
512 South Maple Ave.
Falmouth, KY 41040
859/572-3500

St. Elizabeth Florence
4900 Houston Rd.
Florence, KY 41042
859/212-5200

St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas
85 North Grand Ave.
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075
859/572-3100

St. Elizabeth Grant
238 Barnes Rd.
Williamstown, KY 41097
859/824-8240

Tips for buying and applying de-icer



Snow and ice removal is an annual winter chore. As snow piles up, the first line of defense is simply to shovel paved areas to keep them clean and prevent ice from forming. When ice does form, it is common to use salt and other types of chemical de-icers to clear walkways and driveways.

Salt and other chemical de-icers help make travel conditions less hazardous, but they can affect local waterways, landscaping, pets and wildlife. Below is a list of tips to help you buy and safely apply de-icers this winter without harming the environment.

Tips for buying:

Traditional rock salt and some chemical de-icers can injure a pet's paws, damage cars, prematurely age cement and asphalt and pollute streams. There are some alternative de-icers that have less of an impact but are just as effective at melting ice from paved walkways and driveways.

- Look for alternative de-icers like calcium chloride and calcium magnesium acetate.

- Try using de-icers that contain alternative ingredients, such as beet juice.
- Avoid using de-icers that contain urea.

Tips for applying:

- Before applying de-icer, make sure to manually remove as much snow and ice as possible. De-icer works best when it is applied to thin layers of ice.
- Follow the directions on the de-icer container. Using more than what is recommended will not make the ice melt faster. When snow and ice melt, the runoff picks up the excess de-icer and carries it to our streams.
- When possible, avoid using salt and other de-icers near trees, shrubs and grasses. The salty water can severely harm or kill a home's landscaping.

If you have questions, email info@sd1.org or call the Storm Water Hotline at 859/578-6745.

Helpful tips for homeowners

As you create resolutions for the new year, keep these tips and other resources below in mind to help protect you, your home and our community.

FACT: Antibiotics, steroids and other pharmaceuticals can contaminate our waterways because the wastewater treatment process is not designed to remove these substances.

TIP: Never flush or wash medications down a drain or toilet in your home. Dispose of expired or unused medications in the trash or take them to a pharmaceutical drop-off location near you. A list of locations can be found on our website at www.sd1.org/prescription.

FACT: Common household chemicals like cleaners, auto fluids, paint and lawn care products are toxic to a wastewater treatment plant.

TIP: Wastewater treatment plants are living units designed to treat wastewater, not hazardous chemicals. If flushed or poured down the drain, these chemicals can kill the tiny living organisms that treat the wastewater at SD1's treatment plants. Contact your Boone County Solid Waste Coordinator or visit www.nkyhhw.org to learn how to dispose of chemicals and other hazardous materials.

FACT: FOG (fats, oils and grease) can clog pipes and cause raw sewage to back up in your home or overflow out of SD1's system.

TIP: Household grease from meat fats, lard, baking goods, butter and margarine, cooking oils, food scraps, sauces and dairy products can build up in pipes, preventing your wastewater from making its way through the sewer pipes to SD1's treatment plant. Instead of pouring these substances down the drain, collect fats, oils and grease in a container and throw them in the trash can.

FACT: When flushed down the toilet, diapers, baby wipes and other personal hygiene products can cause blockages in pipes that lead to backups and overflows of sewage.

TIP: Diapers, wipes, cotton balls, dental floss and other personal hygiene products can build up in pipes, bind with any fats, oils or grease that have accumulated in the pipes and cause major blockages. They also can find their way into the environment if the blockages cause SD1's system to overflow. Always dispose of these items in the trash.

If you have questions, email info@sd1.org or visit www.sd1.org for more information.

HHW Collection Event draws record crowd

The 2015 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event held Oct. 17 served a record-setting 2,190 area residents, ensuring many tons of paint, paper, electronics and other hazardous materials will not end up polluting the environment.

If you missed the event, you can still make sure you properly dispose of household hazardous waste. Visit www.nkyhhw.org to learn more.

SD1



1045 Eaton Drive
Fort Wright, KY 41017
phone: 859/578-7450

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm

Community pride contest winners!

We are thrilled to announce the winners of the 2016 "Quit the Littering!" Coloring Calendar Contest! The contest was open to all elementary-age children in Boone County. We ask the youngest among us to use their creativity in spreading the message that they are sick of litter. We received 770 entries! The entries were amazing and we'd like to sincerely thank all school principals, teachers, students and parents for making this program so awesome. All winners were recognized by Boone County Judge/Executive Gary Moore at the Fiscal Court meeting on December 15. Winners will also be featured on Boone County's website at www.boone-countyky.org/bcswm.



2016 Art Winners

Cover Winner: Rebecca Kramer, 3rd grade, Shirley Mann Elementary

Runner Up: Maya Nair, 4th Grade, Shirley Mann Elementary
Chloe Wagoner, Yealey Elementary

Kindergarten: Alex Kramer, Shirley Mann Elementary (*Double Win*)
Izabelle Estey, New Haven Elementary

First Grade: Alaina Hill, New Haven Elementary
Cole Ewing, Collins Elementary

Second Grade: Avery Jones, Yealey Elementary
Ronan Joyce, Burlington Elementary

Third Grade: Blake Middlesworth, New Haven Elementary
Hannah Garrett, New Haven Elementary

Fourth Grade: Sydney Bollman, Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sara Brueggman, Immaculate Heart of Mary

Fifth Grade: Kyla McDonner, Yealey Elementary
Nina Joyce, Burlington Elementary

2016 Slogan Winners

Kindergarten: Journey Nicole Wiggins, Collins Elementary
Alex Kramer, Shirley Mann Elementary

First Grade: Dacy Fallyn Freeman, Walton-Verona Elementary
Gage Grider, Florence Elementary

Second Grade: Hopelyn Reinhart, New Haven Elementary
Hadassah Hall, New Haven Elementary

Third Grade: Kiersten Vann, Walton Verona Elementary
Braylen DeWaters, Collins Elementary

Fourth Grade: Madison Disibio, Ockerman Elementary
Brianna Angel, Longbranch Elementary

Fifth Grade: Andrew Goodwin, Immaculate Heart of Mary
Anna Hayden, New Haven Elementary

Great Job to all the winners and a big thank you to all those who participated! If you are sick and tired of seeing lazy people littering in our beautiful county, then "Take Action!" Join in with many Boone County citizens and become a "Litter Bug Spotter to BUST those Litter Bugs!" Just contact Melissa Grandstaff @ mgrandstaff@boonecountyky.org or call 859/334-3151.

IMPORTANT NEWS

Household Hazardous Waste Event

The October 2015 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event at the UC Health Stadium (Florence Freedom) was a huge success! Approximately 2,192 vehicles from Boone, Kenton, and Campbell County came through this HHW event. This was an increase of 660 vehicles from 2014. We received many positive and appreciative comments about how organized and smooth this event was operated. We collected 65% paint, 43% electronics, 41% hazmat materials, 32% oil, 24% batteries, 16% paper, 14% bulbs, 8% propane tanks, 6% toner/ink cartridges. This event was funded by grants from the Division of Waste Management and by local businesses.

Thanks to the volunteers, vendors, public workers and all who helped make this busy day a success!

Monthly Clean-ups

In addition to Boone County's Spring and Fall Clean-ups, BCPW/

SW Management will be offering Monthly Clean-ups on the last Saturday of the month starting Saturday, May 28, 9 am-2 pm at the Public Works Dept., 3275 Maplewood, Burlington. This will be a monthly, one-day, one-location event, where you can drop-off unwanted appliances, trash, tires (4) and other junk material. Please note: Hazardous materials and paint will NOT be accepted.

2016 Clean-Up dates:

5/28/16, 6/25/16, 7/30/16, 8/27/16, 9/24/16

Recycling news

Check out our new recycling videos and news at www.bigbluebin.com.

2016 spring thinking

Here are a few upcoming events that will be good times:

- **Great American Cleanup**
Saturday, April 16
- **Spring Clean-up**
April 20-23

Boone County Solid Waste Management

Boone Co. Public Works Div. of Solid Waste Management

- **Kelly Bowlin**, Solid Waste Supervisor
859/334-3629; kbowlin@boonecountyky.org
- **Melissa Grandstaff**, Solid Waste Services
859/334-3151; mgrandstaff@boonecountyky.org
- **Dennis Gosney**, Solid Waste Recycling Manager
859/334-4808; dgosney@boonecountyky.org
- **Greg Middendorf**, Solid Waste Truck Driver

Updates for upcoming cleanup events, litter issues, burn bans, recycling information, and much more can be found on:

<http://www.boonecountyky.org/BCSWM/Default.aspx>

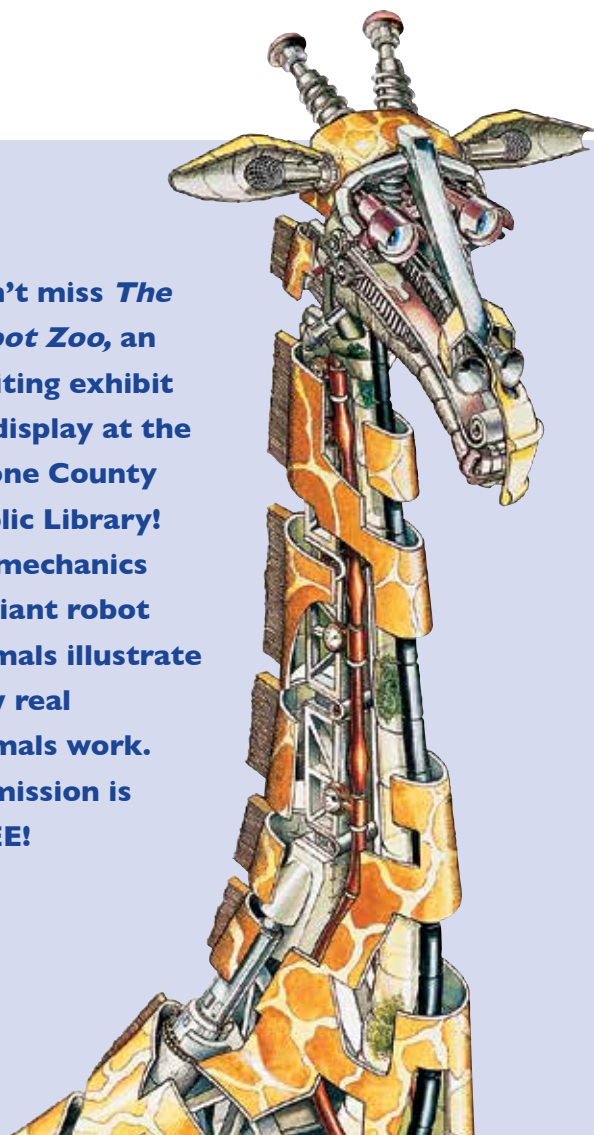
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Boone.greenteam>

Public Access TV- Channel 15



The Robot Zoo – A hands-on museum exhibit at the Library!

Don't miss *The Robot Zoo*, an exciting exhibit on display at the Boone County Public Library! Biomechanics of giant robot animals illustrate how real animals work. Admission is FREE!



The Robot Zoo, a 5,000-square-foot traveling children's exhibit based on the popular book with the same title, is on display at Boone County Public Library, 1786 Burlington Pike, in Burlington, until February 28. The exhibit uses the biomechanics of giant robot animals to illustrate how real animals work.

The Robot Zoo is one of the most popular exhibitions ever to tour science centers and natural history museums. It has appeared in major venues across the globe, such as the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, the Children's Museum of Indianapolis and the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. This is the first time this exhibit has been installed in a library. The museums that displayed *The Robot Zoo* all charged admission. You have the unique opportunity to experience it free of charge at Boone County Public Library.

The exhibit includes eight giant robot animals and hands-on activities designed for children from ages 4 to 12. A couple of the exhibit's interactive experiences include:

- **Chameleon Tongue Gun** — Triggering the Tongue Gun demonstrates how a real chameleon shoots out its long, sticky-tipped tongue to reel in a meal. Use a joystick to aim the head of a robot chameleon, then press a button to fire its long tongue at one of several insect targets.
- **Race a Squid** — Pump air into a squid model and propel it up a tube to simulate the high-speed swim of a giant squid. Race the four squids to the finish line!

The Robot Zoo provides new insights and hands-on fun for discovering just how animals work. Tell your friends and neighbors and spread the word! Don't miss this opportunity to bring your family to a free children's museum exhibit right here in Boone County.

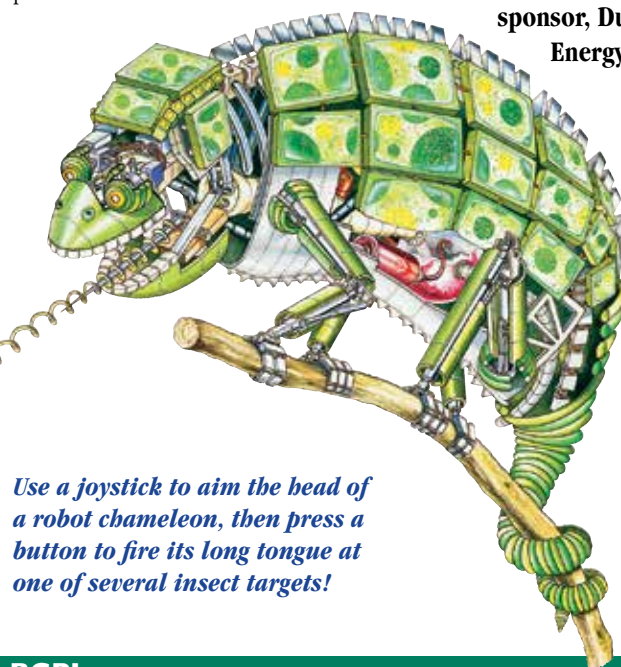
Admission: FREE

Hours: Mon-Fri: 9 am-9 pm

Sat: 9 am-5 pm

Sun: 1 pm-5 pm

A big thank you to our sponsor, Duke Energy!



Use a joystick to aim the head of a robot chameleon, then press a button to fire its long tongue at one of several insect targets!

Boone County Public Library

Five locations to serve you!
One phone number:
859/342-BOOK (2665)

BCPL
Boone County Public Library

Winter/Spring 2016 Program Schedule

You may register for classes beginning December 18.

■ **On-line Registration:** www.boone.kyschools.us
Select District Office • Choose Community Education

■ **Mail-in Registration with payment:**
Boone County Schools, 8330 US Highway 42, Florence, KY 41042,
Attention: Community Education Generalist

Community Partners:

Boone County Board of Education, Boone County Adult Education, Boone County Cooperative Extension Services,
Boone County Parks Department, Boone County Public Library, Walton Verona Board of Education

SCHOOL OF DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

In the last decade the progress of digital photography and photo editing has been prodigious. Either for creating candid family photos or looking at high-grade pictures, you may learn how to use basic or advanced cameras for a wide range of applications: from portraits to macro, from sports to landscapes or other expressive genre of images you prefer.

LEVEL 1 - For BEGINNERS
with limited experience in digital photography owning any model of basic or advanced camera.
3 Classes. FEE: \$40

Class 1.A: *Tuesday, February 2*
Composition, focusing and automatic exposure.

Class 1.B: *Thursday, February 4*
Exercise shooting at school and home

Class 1.C: *Tuesday, February 9*
Homework review - selecting, sharing, printing your photos

LEVEL 2 - For INTERMEDIATE students with 2-3 years of experience in photography (or those students who completed Level 1) and own any brand/model of SLR (EOS) camera used for photo-applications as hobby or at work, or for selling pictures. Basic computer experience is necessary. 5 Classes. FEE: \$60

Class 2.A: *Tuesday, February 16*
Focusing and semi-automatic exposure

Class 2.B: *Tuesday, February 23*
ISO, natural and artificial lighting, white balance.

Class 2.C: *Tuesday, March 1*
Special techniques (zooming, bracketing, multi-exposures, panning, etc.)

Class 2.D: *Thursday, March 3*
Family portraits, children and pets, sports

Class 2.E: *Tuesday, March 8*
Landscapes, still-life and macro photography

LEVEL 3 - ADVANCED
TECHNIQUES FOR PRO-GRADE PORTRAITS: Hands-on class for students who successfully completed Level 2. This is the level necessary to create artistic pictures with a live model and starting a professional activity. 3 Classes. FEE \$60

Class 3.A: *Tuesday, March 15*
Portraits lighting and advanced shooting techniques.

Class 3.B: *Tuesday, March 22*
Review of homework and shooting exercises at class

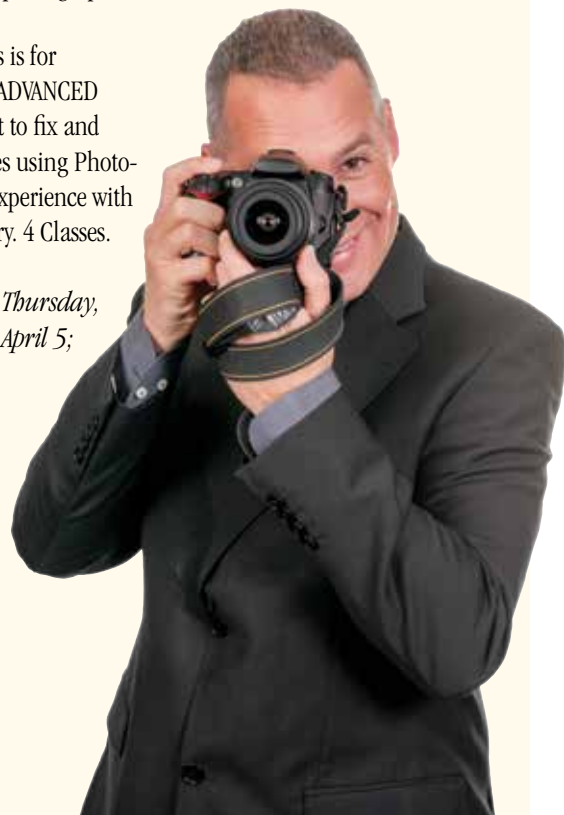
Class 3.C: *Thursday, March 24*
How to become a pro photographer

EDITING: This class is for INTERMEDIATE OR ADVANCED STUDENTS who want to fix and enhance their pictures using Photo-shop Elements 6+. Experience with computers is necessary. 4 Classes. FEE: \$60

Tuesday, March 29; Thursday, March 31; Tuesday, April 5; Thursday, April 7

ALL CLASSES:
6-8 pm
North-Pointe
Elementary School
875 North Bend Rd
Hebron, KY 41048
Domenico Vassallo

Note: For detailed info about the school activity, the instructor will be glad to answer your questions to: editor@dphart.com.



AFTER SCHOOL FUN WITH...

YOUNG REMBRANDTS DRAWING CLASSES

This winter is the perfect time to register for Young Rembrandts! Artists will advance their techniques in color pencil, marker and Sharpie. A winter rabbit, emoticons and African mask drawings will provide a lot of fun and many artistic challenges. Make this an unforgettable winter for learning and fun. Inspire your student's love of art through the power of drawing. A new lesson will be taught each week and one Art History lesson a month. All supplies provided. You have several choices of location and days. Enroll today!

For children in K-5th Grade
FEE: \$90

Mondays, 4-5 pm

*January 11-February 29
(No classes on January 18 or
February 15)*

Stephens Elementary

OR

Tuesdays, 4-5 pm

January 12-February 16
Ockerman Elementary

OR

Wednesdays, 4-5 pm

January 13-February 17
Mann Elementary

OR

Fridays, 4-5 pm

January 15-February 19
Goodridge Elementary

YOUNG REMBRANDTS ART ENRICHMENT CLASSES - CARTOON DRAWING

Is your child filled with clever imagination? If so, they will love Young Rembrandts cartoon classes. Young Rembrandts artists will be drawing sea creatures, snowman characters and funny penguin jokes. They will also learn to incorporate sound and action onto paper; taking any masterpiece to a new level. Does your child have a great sense of humor? They will love this class. All supplies are provided. Register now!

For children in K-5th Grade

FEE: \$90

Mondays, 4-5 pm

*March 14-April 25 (No class on
April 11)*

Stephens Elementary

OR

Tuesdays, 4-5 pm

*March 15-April 26 (No class on
April 12)*

Ockerman Elementary

OR

Wednesdays, 4-5 pm

*March 16-April 27 (No class on
April 13)*

Mann Elementary

OR

Fridays, 4-5 pm

*March 18-April 29 (No class on
April 15)*

Goodridge Elementary

GEAR IT UP! (Hands on STEM for K-5th Grade)

Students will build a catapult, create art with a Spirograph and invent their own air-powered car as we learn the laws of motion. Spring into action with this club! From skateboard parks to merry-go-rounds, we will learn how to harness natural forces that make machines tick. So much physics fun, it will make your head spin!

FEE: \$75

Tuesdays, 3:45-4:45 pm

February 2-March 1

New Haven Elementary
Rollin Robinson, Science Matters

OR

Wednesdays, 3:45-4:45 pm

February 3- March 2

Longbranch Elementary
Rollin Robinson, Science Matters

OR

Thursdays, 3:45-4:45 pm

February 4-March 3

Mann Elementary
Rollin Robinson, Science Matters

OR

Thursdays, 3:45-4:45 pm

February 4-March 3

North Pointe Elementary
Rollin Robinson, Science Matters

OUTBACK EXPEDITION (Hands on STEM for K-5th Grade)

G'day Mates! We're going "Down Under" on a fascinating expedition. Decorate your own Aborigines artifact, crack a geode, create your own Mystery Stone with a surprise in the middle and head into the Australian outback to scope out some amazing animals. Jump at this chance to trek the Australian Continent. Crikey!

FEE: \$75

Tuesdays, 3:45-4:45 pm

*April 5- May 10 (no class on
April 12)*

New Haven Elementary
Rollin Robinson, Science Matters

OR

Wednesdays, 3:45-4:45 pm

*April 6-May 11 (no class on
April 13)*

Longbranch Elementary
Rollin Robinson, Science Matters

OR

Thursdays, 3:45-4:45 pm

April 7-May 12 (no class on April 14)
Mann Elementary

Rollin Robinson, Science Matters

OR

Thursdays, 3:45-4:45 pm

*April 7-May 12 (no class on
April 14)*

North Pointe Elementary

Rollin Robinson, Science Matters

NKY MAKERSPACE

Students, parents and teachers can make their own projects that they'd like to teach by going to our workshop. Class instructors can be volunteer or paid. Instructors must be at least 18, pass a background check, and have experience in technology, engineering, art or math.



MINECRAFT “JUST FOR FUN” MISSION CLUB

Join us for Minecraft Missions where students can build on their own or collaboratively to discover resources and use them to control their own projects. This is “just for fun” sessions where students can pursue their own ideas to build, explore, craft and create on their own or with friends. Students in 2nd-5th grade welcome
FEE: \$65
Tuesdays beginning January 19 (6 weeks), 3:45-4:45 pm
Burlington Elementary School,
S.T.E.M. Lab
Tammy Kemper

ADVANCED MINDSTORMS EV3 ROBOTICS SESSIONS-ENGINEERED TO ENGAGE

Join us for our Advanced Robotic Sessions with Lego’s newest robotics, Mindstorms EV3’s. Students will design, build and program smart robots to move and follow commands to compete in game challenges. This robotics session is engineered to engage. Students in 3rd-5th grade welcome
FEE: \$80
Tuesdays beginning March 8 (5 weeks), 3:45-4:45 pm
Burlington Elementary School,
S.T.E.M. Lab
Tammy Kemper

register for classes or propose a class website at www.nkymaker.space. fee for service. Instructors must eck and have expertisein science, ematics.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

GETTING PAID TO TALK

An introduction to voice acting! Have you ever been told that you have a great voice? This exciting class will explore numerous aspects of voice over work for television, film, radio, audio books, documentaries and the Internet in your area. We will cover all the basics including how to prepare the all-important demo, how to be successful and earn great income in this exciting field. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions and to hear example demos recorded by professional voice actors. Class participants will even have a chance to record a commercial under the direction of our voice coaches producer! This class is informative, fun, and a great first step for anyone interested in voice acting professionally. We have create a web-accessible page with detailed information about class content, answers to common questions, and general information about the acting field. <http://www.voicecoaches.com/gppt>. Minimum of 8 to conduct class and must be 18 years or older.
FEE: \$25
Thursday, February 25, 6:30-9 pm
Gray Middle School
10400 US 42, Union
Jenny Marcotte

PERSONAL SKILLS

ACADEMIC SKILLS IMPROVEMENT

This is a refresher course on grammar, math and/or reading skills. Prepare yourself for job placement, job promotion, post-secondary education and/or self-improvement.
FEE: No Cost
Call 859/442-1695 for times and dates
Boone County Adult Education Center
Boone County Adult Education Staff

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Adult students learn to speak and use English, learn about other cultures and meet new people. Proper pronunciation, grammar and conversation skills needed to obtain employment will be covered.

FEE: No Cost
Call 859/442-1695 for times and dates
Boone County Adult Education Center
Boone County Adult Education Staff

G.E.D. (HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION)

Boone County Adult Education offers sessions to prepare for the G.E.D. test. The Adult Education Center is a certified G.E.D. “test-readiness” site and “official” G.E.D. testing site.
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Boone County Adult Education Center
Boone County Adult Education Staff



PARENT UNIVERSITY

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID "FIRST AIDER" TRAINING COURSE

Mental health first aid is the help provided to a person who is developing a mental health problem, or who is in a mental health crisis, until appropriate professional treatment is received or the crisis resolves. Mental Health First Aid is an international program proven to be effective. Peer-reviewed studies published in Australia, where the program originated, show that individuals trained in the program:

- Grow their knowledge of signs, symptoms and risk factors of mental illnesses and addictions
- Can identify multiple types of professional and self-help resources for individuals with a mental illness or addiction
- Increase their confidence in and likelihood to help an individual in distress
- Show increased mental wellness in themselves

The course teaches adults how to assist adolescents who are developing a mental health problem or are in a mental health crisis. Course participants learn about adolescent development, the signs and symptoms of the common and disabling mental health problems in young people, where and how to get help when a young person is developing a mental illness, what sort of help has been shown by research to be effective, and how to provide first aid in a crisis situation. The following developing mental health problems are covered:

depression, anxiety problems, psychosis, substance abuse problems and eating disorders.

The following mental health crisis situations are covered: suicidal thoughts and behaviors, non-suicidal self-injury (deliberate self-harm), panic attacks, traumatic events, severe effects of drug or alcohol use, severe psychotic states, aggressive behaviors.

Participants are required to attend all four sessions. the full 8-hour course.

FEE: Free

Mondays & Wednesdays, April 4, 6, 18 & 20, 6-8 pm

OR

Thursday & Friday, April 28-29, 8 am-noon

Boone County Board of Education
Kathleen G. Reutman

ACTIVE PARENTING OF TEENS AND 'TWEENS

Millions of parents have achieved success with Active Parenting! Active Parenting of Teens is a comprehensive parenting program for parents of preteens and teens. The skills you learn in this class will give you confidence and courage to meet the challenges — and savor the joys — of your children's teen years.

In this class you will learn what's going on in your teen's head, which will help you figure out why they do the things they do. You'll learn how to open up the lines of communication, encourage cooperation and responsibility, and discipline effectively. You'll also explore techniques for solving the inevitable problems

that crop up. You'll learn 10 strategies for preventing problems relating to drugs, alcohol, violence and teen sexuality. Please plan on attending all 6 sessions. For any questions, please contact Amanda Bardo at Amanda.Kubiak@boone.kyschools.us

FEE: Free

Mondays, February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 21 & 28, 6-8 pm
RA Jones Middle School
Amanda Bardo

GOOD 2 GROW

Parents of preschool age children, birth to 6, are invited to learn about education today.

Love You Dearly - Saturday with a heart. Learn what parents can do to help boost their child's readiness to learn.

- Parents and preschools will create beautiful Valentine Day gifts for one another
- Young children will have the opportunities to hear stories and play with puppets
- Parents will have the opportunity to hear from experts on the latest in brain development and family impact on learn now and for the future.

FEE: Free

Saturday, February 13, 9:30-11:30 am
Ockerman Elementary School
Dr. Anna Marie Tracy

Lucky to Be Me - Lucky Saturday to be creative. Learn what parents can do to increase their child's natural curiosity and

creative instincts boosting their potential.

- Parents and preschoolers will experience creative games and take home to play again at home.
- Young children will have the opportunities to hear stories and play with building materials.
- Parents will have the opportunity to hear from experts on the latest in supporting their child's brain development and how as a family they can impact their child's future.

FEE: Free

Saturday, March 19, 9:30-11:30 am
Ockerman Elementary School
Dr. Anna Marie Tracy

Spring into Action -

Let's DIG into early childhood development. Learn what parents can do to help boost their child's readiness to learn.

- Parents and preschools will Spring for FUN activities together.
- Young children will have the opportunities to hear stories and count their chicks
- Parents will have the opportunity to hear from experts on the latest in brain development and family impact on learn now and for the future.

FEE: Free

Saturday, April 23, 9:30-11:30 am
Ockerman Elementary School
Dr. Anna Marie Tracy

Time to start thinking about 4-H summer fun!

Boone County's 4-H Camp week for 2016 will be July 18-22 at North Central 4-H Camp in Carlisle, KY. The cost for our week long camp is \$185, a bargain for a week-long summer camp. But thanks to a very generous 4-H Council, the first 100 (regular priced) **totally completed** registration packets turned in will only pay \$135. Also, any youth who qualifies for free/reduced meals at school can attend camp for \$92.50, a savings of 50%.

We are in need of volunteers, both adult and teens (16 and up), to attend camp. The number of campers we can take to camp is totally dependent on our ability to adequately supervise them. We will sign off on 75 volunteer hours for teens who need hours for graduation. Registration packets will be available the end of January.

4-H Camp offers an array of activities for youth. They can catch everything from fish to butterflies; identify trees and critters during nature hikes; learn to swim; use a canoe; take part in shooting sports; make arts and crafts and participate in challenge courses. Youth will also have the chance to sing and dance, make new friends, and most important, learn while having fun.

4-H camps are open to all Kentucky youth, ages 9 through 14. Groups of youth from every county will attend one of the four resident camps during the nine-week summer season. The 4-H camping program provides a safe, secure and fun environment for Kentucky campers. An on-site health care provider is always available to take care of campers' needs.

North Central 4-H Camp is located near Lake Carnico and is situated on 350 acres of rolling hills and forested land. The camp has a

bird blind and hiking trail for nature classes, and a six-acre lake for fishing and canoeing. Other facilities include a lakeside campfire area, rifle and archery ranges, high-ropes challenge course, swimming pool, athletic field, multi-purpose building, and a shelter house for camp group activities.

The 4-H Youth Development mission of creating self-directing, productive and contributing members of society is driven home through the camping experience. Camp empowers youth by instilling a willingness to learn. The areas of communication, self-expression, leadership, and community awareness are enhanced through camp. Decision making

and problem management are two areas that are also strengthened at camp. Putting oneself in such a diverse environment also allows for further development of interpersonal relationships with adults and other youth.

For more information on camp and other activities in our 4-H Youth Development program, contact the Boone County Cooperative Extension Service.

Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.



Register early and receive a discount!

Regular cost for week-long camp: \$185

Camp cost for first 100 (regular priced) totally COMPLETED registration packets: \$135

Camp cost for youth who qualify for free/reduced meals at school: \$92.50 (50% off)

Boone County Cooperative Extension Service



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P.O. Box 876, Burlington, KY 41005
phone: 859/586-6101
fax: 859/586-6107
email:
DL_CES_BOONE@EMAIL.UKY.EDU



Disabilities accommodated
with prior notification.

Understanding what it means to be ready for kindergarten

Kindergarten registration is just around the corner and with that come many questions and a variety of feelings for parents and caregivers. Is my child ready for kindergarten? How do I know? What will kindergarten be like? How will they handle the schedule? According to the Governor's Office of Early Childhood, "school readiness" means that a child enters school ready to engage in and benefit from early learning experiences that best promote the child's success and ability to be ready to grow, ready to learn and ready to succeed. School readiness does not begin when a child starts child care or preschool or even the summer before they start kindergarten. As parents and caregivers, you have been helping prepare your child for the transition into kindergarten from the moment they were born. Many of the everyday activities that you engage in with your child have had a significant impact including the games you play, the conversations you have and the questions that you ask and answer.

If you asked your child's kindergarten teacher what they would like to see in their students, you would most often hear that they want children who are socially and emotionally ready to learn. This means that the children are learning to play and share with others, can handle frustrations, follow rules and routines, show curiosity and are learning to work alone. Here are a few important things you can work on at home to prepare your child socially and emotionally for kindergarten. You may be surprised to find that you're already doing some of these things!

1. Develop empathy: Children are naturally self-centered. Even though most five year olds know

that they should take turns and share, they really don't want to because it does not meet their needs. Developing empathy is a skill that can be practiced at home and that can be modeled by parents on a daily basis. Some ideas: practice recognizing different facial expressions. Take pictures of family members making a variety of faces and use the pictures to make a feelings book. Ask your child to imagine how other children may feel about a certain situation. Model empathy for your child. One example: "Your sister is sad because her friend could not play today. What can we do to help cheer her up?"

2. Help your child communicate his needs: Your child will need to be able to communicate their basic needs to their teacher in the kindergarten classroom. Some children communicate easily but others need a little boost of self-confidence. Being able to communicate with classmates is also essential but can be a challenge for children. It can make the difference between a fight over markers or agreeing to share and color together. There are many strategies you can use at home to help! Talk often about feelings and how to handle a wide variety of situations. Have your child practice I-Statements. "I feel sad when I can't ride my bike. I'm feeling hungry and want a snack. I don't like it when my sister says that." The more practice your child has for vocalizing their needs the better! Read books that include conflicts

Recommended reading

On Monday When It Rained by Cherry Kachenmeister

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn

When Sophie Gets Angry by Molly Bang

I Did It, I'm Sorry by Caralyn Buehne

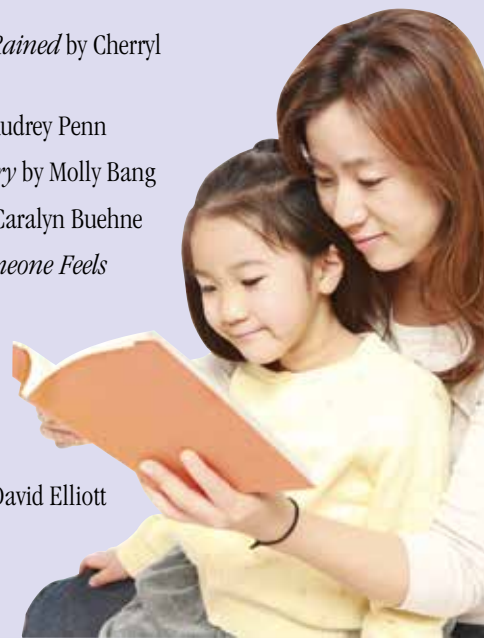
Can You Tell How Someone Feels by Nita Everly

Today I Feel Silly & Other Moods That

Make My Day by Jamie Lee

And Here's to You by David Elliott

A Rainbow of Friends by P.K. Hallinan



of some kind and ask your child what they would do in that situation.

3. Follow adult rules and directions: Following adult rules, even when they don't want to, is an essential skill for children in a classroom setting. Children need a lot of practice on following rules, directions and routines. Preschool programs, child care, church preschool and library programs are great opportunities for your children to learn to listen to adults and follow rules. Be the parent that

treats their children with respect. Talk about adults' responsibility to keep children safe. Attend free community events geared towards early childhood. Remember that the example you set will set the tone for behavior, expectations and interactions.

For more fun events/ideas, check out the Library's page in *What's Happening!* (page 8) or visit www.bcpl.org. For more information on kindergarten registration visit www.boone.kyschools.us or www.wv.kyschools.us.

Boone County Success By 6®

United Way

SUCCESS BY 6™
Boone County, KY

For more information on helping your child be ready for success by age 6, call Boone County Success By 6:

859/534-5810

Amy Bremer, Manager
amy.bremer@uwgc.org

Pathway Programs for the future

The Boone County school district has three exciting opportunities only available to high school students in our district. These are the first of many innovative college and career pathway programs designed to provide additional exploration and preparation for our students for the future workplace. Now is the time to register for the 2015-16 school year.

Boone County Early College

Through a partnership with NKU/ Thomas More/ Gateway College, Junior and Senior students attend college for half a day (either morning or afternoon—spending the other half day at their school) at the Boone County Gateway campus with the potential of earning 24+ college credit hours a year and an Associate's Degree. These courses are provided at a dramatically reduced rate, saving the student thousands in future college expenses. This program also provides students with college-level experiences while students are still in high school, so that they are better prepared for the college experience. The courses are weighted and will transfer to any state two-year or four-year college. Transportation is provided from high schools; students may also drive. For more information or to express interest, go to: <http://www.boonecount-yearlycollege.com>

Boone County Design School

This new program, targeted to Junior and Senior students interested in art/ design careers, such as app/ game graphic design, computer animation or web/ mobile design, is half day (morning or afternoon) at the

Gateway College Campus (transportation provided). Students return to their home high school the other half of the day. One of the most needed skill sets in Greater Cincinnati is design. The interactive media design program allows students to earn industry certifications in design, while sharpening skills and exploring the lucrative industries that rapidly need interactive designers. The program features interaction with designers, brand and marketing experts, and entrepreneurs. Roughly 3.5 million jobs are expected to be added to the economy in the creative design fields, with Greater Cincinnati being poised to be the city that will capitalize the most on this expansion. Students enrolling in the program develop a portfolio, and work with local clients on design needs. The program is centered on project-based learning. (For more information or to express interest, go to: <http://boonecountydesignschool.weebly.com/>)

Boone County Robotics Pathway

Boone County has a strong tradition of award-winning robotics teams and focus on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, and math). To provide additional opportunities for students interested in robotics (and to provide talent for the high-pay, high-growth robotics-based jobs in the region), the new Boone County Robotics Pathway has been developed. High school students (9th-12th grade) earn credits through online and face-to-face instruction as well as involvement in an after-school robotics team, working with technical mentors. For more information about this program contact: jerome.gels@boone.kyschools.us

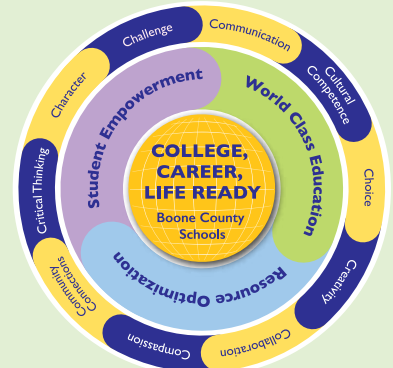


Design School students create designs to meet real life, local need.



Boone County Strategic Plan

These programs are part of the Boone County Schools strategic plan. For more information about the plan go to boone2020.org, #boone2020 (Twitter), or contact Karen. cheser@boone.kyschools.us.



Boone County Schools



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Annual Report: Essential Public Health

The 10 Essential Public Health Services provide a framework by which to measure the impact of public health agencies. They also provide a framework to demonstrate the wide-ranging impact of the work done by the Health Department to protect and promote health in our region during its 2014-2015 fiscal year, July 2014 to June 2015.

Highlights from the report include:

- **Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.** Health

Department staff worked with partners at the state and local level to develop response policies and protocols for monitoring, quarantine and isolation of suspect or diagnosed cases of Ebola.

- **Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems.** Health Department staff were involved in several aspects of the regional response to heroin, including participation in the Northern Kentucky Heroin Impact Response Task Force, investigating cases of infectious diseases tied to IV

drug use, and support of local drug-prevention coalitions. With the passage of Senate Bill 192, which allowed for syringe access exchange programs to be used to reduce the threat of infectious disease spread through infected equipment, as well as a way to connect IV drug users to treatment resources and other health services, Health Department staff worked to build support for such programs in Northern Kentucky, and began developing program plans for how such services would operate locally.

- **Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.** Health Department staff partnered with schools and government agencies for Humana Vitality, a worksite wellness program that incorporates regular health screenings. Through the end of fiscal year 2014-2015, more than 1,600 were screened.

To learn more about the work the Health Department does to protect and promote health, please visit <http://www.nkyhealth.org/Annual-Report>.

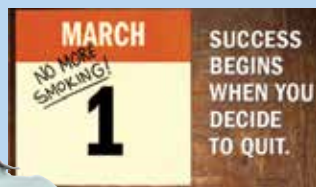
Quit Now Kentucky

Thinking about quitting tobacco? Ready to quit? Either way Quit Now Kentucky is here to help. It's a free service that offers support and advice from an experienced quit coach. These experts can talk with you about overcoming com-

mon barriers, such as dealing with stress, fighting cravings, coping with irritability and controlling weight gain.

If you live or work in Boone, Campbell, Grant, or Kenton Counties, you're eligible to receive four weeks of free patches.

To learn more, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or visit <http://www.nkyhealth.org/quitnow.aspx>.



Free radon testing kits available

Any building can have high levels of radon. Test your home for free. Visit <http://www.nkyhealth.org/Services/Radon.aspx> to request a kit.



Northern Kentucky Health Department



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Realizing the Gunpowder Creek Watershed Plan

After five intensive years of research, data collection, data analysis and public input, the Gunpowder Creek Watershed Plan (GCWP) has been published by the Gunpowder Creek Watershed Initiative (GCWI). This scientific approach has helped develop an enhanced understanding of the problems in Gunpowder Creek and potential solutions to these problems. The GCWP lays out a strategy to work with local municipalities and storm water managers and the community to make sure we are incorporating science based and cost effective technology to improve storm water management.

Without question the most prominent issue in Gunpowder Creek originates with the rapid development taking place within the watershed. The continuing fast growth of the area and the current, yet inadequate, methods of storm water runoff management have caused stream channel instability, degraded water quality and degraded biological communities. The natural stream system is intricately intertwined with our built infrastructure. Erosive storm water flows cause damage to roads, bridges, sewer, utility lines and private properties near the streams. The traditional techniques of directing storm water off of street, roofs and parking lots and into nearby stream as quickly as possible is no longer a viable management strategy. Thus, evaluating and optimizing the existing storm water infrastructure to reduce damage to receiving streams is a very cost effective way to begin.

Issues identified within the plan, such as erosion and bacteria levels will be addressed through various projects to improve the health of Gunpowder Creek. This work is being funded in part through another Kentucky Division of Water 319 (h) Non-point Source Pollution Grant awarded to GCWI. One such project is GCWI



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partnering with the YMCA Camp Ernst to build a Bank Full Wetland on an old horse pasture on YMCA property. When a rain event creates high flows it will spill into the adjacent wetland reducing depth, velocity, and erosive power of the stream flow. As the water slowly releases back in to the stream channel, sediment is trapped and water is filtered. Wetland plants will uptake nutrients improving water quality and provide habitat. An additional benefit of the wetland, is that it will provide up to 7 acres of new storm water storage for the watershed. Both entities, GCWI and the YMCA will have long-lasting benefits from this project. The unique riparian and wetland habitat created by this project will be an excellent educational feature available to the children at the camp.

Our knowledge of storm water management has come a long way. It is time to update and improve existing regulations that reflect science based technology and incorporate strategies that protect stream health and infrastructure. The GCWI will rely on community partners for the next three years to begin to utilize this plan effectively. We always encourage input and participation from the residents of Boone County to ensure the protection of our most vital resources. The full

GCWP as well as a public summary of the plan is available on our website at http://www.boonecountky.org/agencies/boone_county_conservation_district/index.aspx.

For more information about the Gunpowder Creek Watershed Initiative call Mark Jacobs at 859/586-7903 ext. 112 or email at markjacobs@nkcd.org. Alternatively, stop by or office at the Boone County Cooperative Extension Building at 6028 Camp Ernst Rd. and pick up a hard copy.

Boone County Conservation District

**859/586-7903
6028 Camp Ernst Road
Burlington, KY**

Working together for Boone County



Gary W. Moore
Boone County
Judge/Executive

As we turn the calendar to a new year, it is the perfect time to reflect on the many blessings that we enjoy in Boone County. Surrounded by natural beauty, we have a county that has a strong economy, amazing cities and communities and wonderful people that make it such a special place to live, work and raise a family. One blessing that I want to highlight is the strong leadership we enjoy on the Fiscal Court that makes so many positive things possible for our citizens.

During this past year, the first year of the new four-year term, your elected officials have demonstrated the power of outstanding public service. The court has worked together to ensure that we provide

quality service, ensure continued economic development, improve quality of life and most important of all — listen to the needs and ideas of our constituents. The commitment to leadership, integrity and respect between the members of the court should serve as a model for elected bodies across the nation.

As Judge/Executive, it has been my great pleasure to serve with Commissioner Cathy Flaig, Commissioner Charlie Kenner and Commissioner Charlie Walton, as well as our other elected and appointed officials. Together, we have addressed difficult issues like the heroin epidemic, sanitation and growing pains and have worked together to promote a climate that

has continued our strong economic development, service delivery and low tax rates. The members of the court have disagreed at times to be sure, which is as it should be, as checks and balances can be very healthy. We have done so, however, respectfully and with the best interests of the County at heart.

As we give thanks for our many blessings in Boone County, it is important to remember how fortunate we are to have an elected body that is committed to work together, be respectful and transparent to our citizens in order to ensure the continued prosperity of the county.

Gary W. Moore

Boone County launches new website

On Wednesday, October 21, Boone County officially launched a newly created website for citizens, visitors and businesses to utilize. The new website had been in development for seven months and features a modern look, enhanced functionality and improved navigation. The site also features modern technology that supports mobile platforms and social media.

“We are excited to enhance the County’s website to better serve our

citizens, create more efficient communication systems and to enhance business development. I believe the new site will better serve our end users,” Judge/ Executive Gary Moore commented.

The re-design was completed in collaboration between the County’s Information Systems Department and Revize Government Websites. In 2014, 500,000 unique visitors used the Boone County website making it a powerful tool for the community.



Boone County’s new website features a modern look, enhanced functionality and improved navigation.

Boone County Fiscal Court

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What is a Snow Emergency?

When winter weather impacts our community, the Department of Public Works mobilizes to treat and plow the roadways that are maintained by the County. Residents are urged to watch the County's website, facebook and twitter accounts for updates and information. Boone County officials use Snow Emergency declarations to advise the public of hazardous conditions. Snow Emergencies are defined at one of the following levels:

LEVEL ONE: Motorists are advised to use caution due to hazardous road conditions resulting from accumulations of snow and/or ice.

LEVEL TWO: Road conditions are extremely hazardous due to snow and/or ice and essential travel only is advised.

LEVEL THREE: Road conditions are extremely dangerous and travel is restricted to the following purposes: public safety and emergency personnel travel; travel to and from work if required by your employer; and, travel for medical purposes or to obtain necessary provisions. Travel for any other purposes is considered to be non-essential and violations will be enforced by law enforcement personnel. The County

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Snow Emergency declaration does not prohibit travel to and from work. This decision is left up to the employer regardless of the Snow Emergency level. If in doubt, contact your employer to determine if you are expected to report to work. During

snow emergencies where snowfall is two inches or greater, it is required that vehicles parked on the street be moved from the street to allow trucks to safely and effectively treat and/or plow the streets.

Boone County Parks & Recreation

Check out "What's Happening" at Boone County Parks & Recreation! Boone County Parks provides programs, classes and special events for adults, youth and family throughout the year. You can conveniently register for classes and programs online! Visit our website at www.boone-countyky.org/departments/parks to view all of our upcoming events or to

register for a class or program. You can also "Like" us on Facebook at Boone County Parks.

Coming up at Boone County Parks: FREE Movie Nights, Concerts at Creekside, Shelter Reservations begin March 1, and much, much more.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: Lisa Buerkley



Assistant County Administrator Lisa Buerkley has held a leadership role in Boone County for 21 years, leaving a lasting impact on the County administration, staff and citizens she has served. Following a dedicated career in public service, Lisa retired on December 31.

Lisa has provided leadership for the County in a number of key positions. She joined the Boone County team in 1994 as the Director

of Finance after serving as the State Auditor of Public Accounts for four years. In 2003, Lisa was named County Treasurer in addition to her duties as Finance Director. She was named Assistant County Administrator and Director of Human Resources in 2011 and held this position until her retirement.

During her tenure with Boone County, Lisa provided leadership, vision and a commitment to excel-

lence in every role and project in which she was involved. She leaves a strong legacy and demonstrated a high level of professionalism and dedication to the citizens of Boone County.

"Lisa Buerkley has been a wonderful asset to our team," said Judge/Executive Gary Moore. "Boone County will miss her knowledge and passion for her work but we wish her nothing but the best in her retirement."

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